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1. The Russians are planning to propose a Central German Government which is expected to include some forty-eight names from political, economic, cultural, and scientific circles, as well as representatives from women's and youth organizations. The western zones will have sixty to seventy percent representation. Communist influence will not be allowed to predominate and all that will be expected from individual members is a readiness to cooperate with Russia in all European questions.
2. The future members of this government are apparently themselves unaware of their impending appointment.
3. It will also be proposed that, after the establishment of this Central Government, a request will be put forward for consular representation abroad. In this connection, Rudi Bohm stated that such consulates would naturally become important Nachrichtenstellen for the Russians.

25X1A [redacted] Note: Böhm is an important official in the Zentralverwaltung für Erziehung (Central Administration for Education).

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